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RAJYA SABHA

**Committee to oversee implementation of
public-private partnership**

537. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-level Committee has been set up to oversee effective and quick implementation of public-private partnerships in certain non-core areas of the Indian Railways;

(b) if so, whether the Committee met in October, 2006 and took final decision on participation of private sector in railway projects;

(c) whether his Ministry has decided to fund the dedicated freight corridor projects on its own and decided stop funding 268 unprofitable projects;

(d) if so, whether some of these projects are lying unfinished for over 20 years; and

(e) the details of unprofitable projects and money spent on those projects, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It has been decided to execute the Dedicated Corridor Freight Projects on Eastern and Western routes through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) initially with 100% equity contribution by Ministry of Railways and through a mix of equity, debt and Public-Private Partnership. There is no decision to stop funding of 268 projects.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) A Statement is attached.

Statement**Details of on going projects more than 20 years old**

Sl. No.	Year of Inclusion in Budget	Railway	Project	Plan	Kilometres Completed	Kilometres to be Completed	Cost up to March 2006 (In Crores)	Expenditure up to March 2006 (In Crores)	Outlay 2006-07 (In Crores)
1.	1972-73	Eastern	Dum Dum-Tollyganj Design and construction of Rapid Transit System	Metropolitan Transport Project	24.95	16.5	2624.6	2040.83	120
2.	1974-75	South Eastern	Howrah-Amta Nangal Dam-Talwara and Taking over siding of Mukerian Talwara	New Line	73.7	43	154.3	81.89	2
3.	1981-82	Northern North-east	Eklakhi-Balughat and Gazol-Ltahir	New Line	83.74	33	300	105.1	12.71
4.	1984-85	Frontier		New Line	113.1	87	282.74	214.46	2
5.	1985-86	North Central	Guna-Etawah	New Line	344	308	432.46	376.06	25